

MINE WORKERS IN THE FEDERAL COURTS.

Two National Organizers Sentenced to Jail Six Months in Virginia.

VIOLATED RESTRAINING ORDER AND WERE HELD IN CONTEMPT OF COURT.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 29.—The United Mine Workers are making preparations for a bout with the United States Circuit Court of Virginia, and action may be taken next week. A few days ago the Judge of the district sitting at Lynchburg found John Haddow, of Iowa, and W. H. Webber, of Illinois, national organizers of the miners, guilty of contempt of court was that these men had violated an order restraining them from efforts to unionize the miners.

SAYS PECKHAM CAN'T SUCCEED HIMSELF

John G. Carlisle Said to Have Stated That the Governor is Not Eligible for Re-Election.

MAY BE SETTLED BY COURTS.

Frankfort, Ky., April 1.—The question as to Gov. Beckham's eligibility to succeed himself as Governor is to be reopened, according to a statement of a gentleman who has just returned from Washington. Some months ago, when some of Gov. Beckham's friends looked up the question, ex-Chief Justice Pryor and other good lawyers expressed the opinion that, as Beckham was only serving out Goebel's unexpired term, he was undoubtedly eligible for the succeeding full four years' term. The public accepted the opinion as being correct, and all calculations for the next State convention have been made with Beckham as an eligible candidate for Governor.

It seems, however, that those who oppose Beckham for the Governorship have been investigating the eligibility feature on their own hook, and have consulted several eminent law specialists, one of whom is John G. Carlisle, now of New York. He, it is said, has given a written opinion on the subject, which cites various sections of the constitution and decisions of high courts, and concludes by saying that, in his opinion, Beckham is not eligible to succeed himself.

This opinion is said to be in the possession of a well-known politician, and will be made public at such time as he thinks proper, along with the opinions of others who take the same view.

Just how the question can be finally determined cannot be even guessed at, for it will have to be passed on by the Court of Appeals before it become a finality, and how the test suit will be brought is a knotty question, but it is asserted that a final decision will be brought about in some way.

The news will certainly cause a stir among the politicians, because the question had been looked upon as settled. A lively controversy is looked for and the final decision may be delayed until next year, when it is believed the Court of Appeal will contain a majority of Democrats.—Inquirer.

None are blamable for hereditary sins unless they assiduously cultivate them.

ART ENTERTAINMENT

Ladies Perfecting Plans and Costumes for Home Talent Tableaux and Drills.

DATE CHANGED, TO THURSDAY NIGHT

Another rehearsal was held last night by the ladies who will next week produce the Art Entertainment for benefit of our public school fund. The fancy drills are now well in hand and the ranks full. Costumes and decorations are about complete and several dress rehearsals will be gone through before the entertainment is presented next Thursday night.

The tableaux vivants are all planned and promise to prove very attractive. The little girls' drill, mentioned last week, by little girls of the public school, under management of Miss Minnie Bourland, is approaching perfection.

The date, which was last week announced for Wednesday night, has, for good reasons, been changed to Thursday night, April 10th. Curtain at 8:15 sharp. Remember the date.

This is the first home talent entertainment that has been offered during the season in Earlinton. It will be attractive and enjoyable and is for a most worthy cause. Temple Theater should be packed by Earlinton people who have as yet had no opportunity to do anything for our public schools.

TRAIN DISPATCHER CRAZY.

Forty Years of Work Wears Out Joseph Ehret's Mind.

An Evansville dispatch says: For almost 40 years Joseph Ehret held the lives of thousands on the tips of his fingers every day.

He was a train dispatcher and the silken thread of life of every employe of the road and every traveler who jauntily boarded one of the E. & T. H. trains was wrapped around his nimble fingers.

The false touch of a key, the error of a minute sometimes, would have sent hundreds of souls into eternity. But the false touch was never made, the one little awful moment of neglect or forgetfulness that harrows the lives of so many train dispatchers, was never made by Joseph Ehret.

Year in and year out he was always the same methodical, prompt, active and attentive man. His life was centered around the little telegraph key on his desk, which controlled a railroad system.

There is another man at the key to day. The trains run just the same, there is no stop or hitch in the working of the system. Another man, just as good and just as attentive to his duty as Ehret was, has wrapped his life around the little ticker that holds the balance for so many lives.

Ehret will never sit at his favorite place again. He is a wreck, physically and mentally. Last night the police were asked to locate him and hold him at headquarters until some provision for his entrance to an institution could be made. He wandered away from his boarding house, 14 Upper Seventh street.

The strain that had been wearing on his nerves and muscles and brain for almost half a century overthrew his reason.—Inquirer.

Don't make the mistake of supposing you are the only one in the world who is fighting "the good fight." There are others.

DOWN IN THE MINES.

It should indeed be a warning to our young miners when they review the history of some young men who were once contented and prosperous miners, but who were beguiled by the deceitful tales told them by the U. M. W. agitators and led into an organization who's influence had led them from the paths of right and justice to that of degradation, until now, we are informed, they are refugees from justice, hiding in one state and another, pursued by officers of the law armed with warrants of arrest charging them with crime. One of them, we are told, was only last week arrested in one of our neighboring states and brought back to Kentucky to answer the charge of murder which the influence of bad associates and advisers led him to commit. If the charge is true as made. And this is only the natural result likely to follow the association with an organization some of whom have the past year been charged with waylaying innocent men in the discharge of their sworn duty or en route to work, and under cover of the night have time after time attempted to take life. If these charges are true, can you expect a young man who allies himself with men of unsavory reputation to lead a Christian life? Idleness, we are told, begets crime, and when these young men quit work, for which they received good wages, to accept a place with the common saloon loafer, and to subsist on a few cents per day, their best friends could see their fate was sealed and their downfall was assured.

It is said that in Virginia two fellows thought they could ignore the order of Uncle Sam's court, when they were told that intimidation would not be allowed, and so by threats and otherwise strove to intimidate with the result that they were tried and convicted and were sent to jail for six months each, and the rumor is afloat that some of our own citizens are so conducting themselves as to lay themselves liable to similar action by a court over which His Honor, Judge Evans, presides, and to such a degree has threats and other forms of intimidation been carried on in this county by the U. M. W. and sympathizers that many timid miners have at times hesitated about going by themselves to and from work, and in some cases assurance of protection was a necessary inducement. This is all wrong in a county where everyone is guaranteed freedom of word and action when in the right, and a timely step has been taken in their behalf.

Facts continually leaking out indicate beyond a doubt that the U. M. W. have become tired of the colored brethren, and now the question arises, what offense has he committed, that now after they have robbed him of his all, a place to work and that at good wages, they threaten to throw him overboard after a year or more service as scapegoats of the men actually behind the guns, humbly submitting to persecution and prosecution, that the agitators might go free they are now to be cast aside, but the reason for this move may be that the colored member has become tired of being placed in the front rank as a target to be shot at and has so forcibly expressed himself and therefore being useless any further as a tool, they kick him out. Mr. Richard Mercer, who died last Saturday, can safely be said to be one of the oldest miners in this county. After him was one of the main entries in No. 9 mine named. At one time he was very popular here

CAUGHT IN ILLINOIS.

Man Under Murder Indictment Placed in Jail at Hopkinsville.

Guy Reynolds, under indictment jointly with Jim Will Anderson, charged with the murder of Deputy Sheriff Robt. H. Coffey, was arrested in Illinois and taken to Hopkinsville Saturday afternoon and placed in jail. Reynolds' home is in Hopkins county, near White Plains. He was captured by a special agent of the L. & N. railroad company.

Mrs. Ella Hankins, who for some time past has been bookkeeper for the firm of J. M. Victory & Co., has gone to join her husband in Kansas City, Mo., where he is employed in a power house. We trust they may be successful and contented in their new home.

as a miner and still has a host of friends who were pained during the last few years to see him listen to the teachings of the labor leaders and connect himself with the U. M. W. of which he was a member when death came. With all his faults he was considered a man of grand qualities and an expert miner.

John Peyton, who has been assisting to construct a trestle at the South Diamond mine, was called home last week on account of sickness in his family.

Foreman Caviness and other machinists were employed last week for a day or so putting in a new fire box on one of the mine engines. Mr. Caviness is expecting a call to Dawson soon to do some important work.

Mr. J. B. Atkinson, President of the St. Bernard Mining Co., returned last week from the east where he had been called upon the sad mission of attending the funeral of a relative.

Two important meetings will command the attention of Agitator Wood next week. One will be the executive meeting of the U. M. W. at Indianapolis and the other will be one held by Judge Dorsey and before whom Wood will appear on the charge of conspiracy to murder, both meetings occurring on the same date. Business is pressing with him.

Another of the suspected murderers of Officer Coffey was arrested last week in Indiana and lodged safe in the Christian county jail. Thus far about half a dozen suspects, all of whom claim membership with the union miners, have been arrested, and hopes are entertained that the guilty ones have been caught and they will be made to pay the penalty of the law.

Secretary Bailey, of the Reinecke Coal Co., made the Knights Templar lodge here a pleasant visit one night last week.

Another poor dupe who up at Barnsley has been making an average of about sixty dollars per month working for the St. Bernard Coal last week joined the U. M. W. and hereafter will have to be content with about one fifth of the amount above named.

Why should the union miner, who in this county has long ago ceased to be a laborer, so strongly advocate the eight-hour law? We believe their record for the past year would not average an hour per day, so why don't they call on the one hour per day law?

When young men who are able-bodied lay around and subsist upon small rations or a few cents daily, how do they expect to lay by a dollar for a rainy day or one of sickness?

The day upon which a strike was said to take place unless the managers of the coal companies in and around Central City surrendered all rights and agreed to the scale proposed by the Mine Workers, has, we understand, been postponed for a month; at the end of that time it is believed that a complete breakdown by the Mine Workers will take place and the old scale will be agreed to.

Rumor says that the operators of Southern Indiana contemplate shutting down their mines soon on account of failure to run with profit, and this is an example of what the granting from time to time regardless of the consequences, the unjust demands of organized labor will do who care not to live and let live, but are actuated solely from selfish purposes, and thus capital, without making a profit or per cent on investment, becomes tired and will lie down.

All men, both young and old, who failed to hear Prof. R. B. Shacklett, of Madisonville, talk at the Y. M. C. A. meeting at the Christian church at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, missed both an intellectual and spiritual treat. His talk showed deep research and intelligent study of the subject, and was greatly enjoyed by those present. Arrangements will be made to have him lecture to a mass meeting at no far distant date, and all who miss the lecture will regret it. Remember the Y. M. C. A. meeting at the M. E. Church, South, at 2 o'clock next Sunday afternoon, Mr. W. F. Burr leader.

Don't tell too much, and be careful to whom you tell any at all.

The majority of people who want to be coaxed, ought to be clubbed.

Woman Suffrage in St. Thomas.

In view of the discussion concerning the purchase by the United States of the Danish Island of St. Thomas in the West Indies, it is interesting to note that leading men of Denmark have addressed the King, Ministers and Parliament, in a confidential and earnest petition, urging that no decision concerning the sale of the Island shall be made until the people of the Island itself have expressed their desire by popular vote. The woman suffragists of Denmark have co-operated with the promoters of this movement, and have secured a large number of signatures of prominent women in the kingdom.

A proposition so just should meet the unanimous approval of all fair-minded men and women in the United States. The co-operation of Denmark and the United States in securing the opinion of the men and women of St. Thomas before completing the purchase, would be far more in harmony with up-to-date democratic ideas than the imperialistic policies which have obtained in past centuries, and which are yet much in evidence. The United States is based distinctly upon the proposition of self-government, and surely the simplest form of self-government should be that by which a people will express their choice of Nations to which they are willing to become dependent.

Tallest Man on Earth.

Dame Nature has apparently outdone herself in Edward Baupre, the young French-Canadian giant who bids fair to outrival the famous one-eyed giant Polyphemus, of Homer's time, while he overtops by several feet modern competitors.

Baupre, therefore, enjoys the proud distinction of being the tallest man on earth. He is thirty years old, tips the scales at 587 pounds and stands ten feet eleven inches high, his hands measuring nineteen inches, and his feet twenty-four inches by twelve wide. A two-yard tape measure barely encircles his chest.

Each of his trousers legs can contain the figures of two ordinary persons, and there is sufficient cloth in one of his suits to outfit six average men. The massive framework of each of his outstretched arms will bear the weight of three athletes. A man five feet ten inches by his side appears a mere pigmy.

One of the peculiarities about Baupre is that his father and mother were of ordinary size. From youth he has been a great gymnast and has given much time to athletic sport.—New York Herald.

Russell Sage's Subscription.

Uncle Russell Sage has not been a bull since he sold his securities too low. Probably if something would knock the market off twenty or thirty points he would drag a few millions out of the Chemical, buy some good stocks "cheap" and become a bull. Meanwhile he is saving up a few pennies for such a turn. A subscription list was passed around, where the subscribers were all promising anything from \$2,000 down. Mrs. Sage was on the list for \$100. When the list was handed to Uncle Russell he sat down with his pen, ready to add something. When he handed back the list "Mrs. Russell, \$100" had one cipher scratched, out and it read, "Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sage, \$10."—New York Press.

LOCOMOTIVE BLASTS

Kitchell Walker, ex-brakeman, left for home Wednesday.

Dispatcher Devney spent Saturday at home in Evansville.

Curtis Lane has a new caboose, one of the best on the division.

Copyist Scott and wife have secured board with Mrs. John Tymam.

Operator Daniels and wife are boarding with Dispatcher Brownlie.

Dispatcher W. K. Griffith went to Evansville Monday on a business trip.

Brakeman Lacy laid off one day this week to take the third degree in the K. P.

James Sparrow laid off Tuesday night to attend Quo Vadis, and he says he don't regret it.

Andy Corbett seems to enjoy the turn arounds, as it is getting to be a regular thing with him.

M. M. Brownlie, a brother of Dispatcher Brownlie, has been made trainmaster at Nashville.

Joe Brown made a through run from Howell to Nashville on the special and went back on 2nd No. 80.

W. P. Bruce, formerly trainmaster on the 2d division, has been appointed superintendent of terminals at Nashville.

Chas. Daniles spent Saturday at his home in Hopkinsville. We hear that he is getting tired of going home so regular and will move his wife to Earlinton.

S. W. Mothershead has been confined to his room with a severe cold for the past few days but is now at his desk again.

Account of washout on the N. & D. division there was a special train run out of Howell to take bridge men from various places.

Dispatcher T. J. Featherstone is anxiously waiting for nice weather and warm sunny days so he can go fishing, and there are others.

There was a special train run from Nashville to St. Louis Monday in order to carry the passengers delayed by the high water in the south.

Conductor Davis says he don't want any more extra work on the coal train, as he missed his run and had to stay in Earlinton four days before catching it again.

All the false work of the new bridges on the T. C. railroad over Stone and Cumberland rivers near Nashville have been washed out during the recent high water.

Mr. Carter, the father of Mrs. Ed Brownlie, left for Nashville Monday on 51. He has been visiting here for several days and will now visit Trainmaster Brownlie of Nashville.

The L. & N. made an appropriation for running a track around Baker's Hill this week to obviate the necessity of doubling this hill and will do away with the hill engine and crews, and also enable the engines to haul larger trains between Guthrie and Nashville.

On account of the high water the southern divisions of the L. & N. have experienced considerable difficulty with washouts and bridges down for the past week. The first through train that has been run through from the south in several days reached Nashville Monday night at 10 o'clock.

Two freight trains collided at Sonora on the first division of the L. & N. on last Friday night. Both trains were wrecked and sixteen box cars piled up and completely destroyed. A brakeman named Groom was slightly injured. All traffic was stopped on the road for five or six hours. The air brakes on the north bound train failing to work was the cause of the collision.

Livingston, Ky., March 31.—Logan M. Westerfield, now chief train dispatcher at this place for the Knoxville division of the Louisville & Nashville railroad, will be transferred to the Cumberland valley division or the same company on April 1. He becomes master of trains, succeeding A. G. Frazier, resigned. Fred Fishback, of the Louisville dispatcher's office, will come as chief train dispatcher here.

Don't show less courtesy to your dependents than you would to your equals position.

Don't contradict your friends when speaking, and don't appear impatient if they are somewhat tiresome.